THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Tenth Finance Commission (TFC) had recommended write off of one-third of the repayment of principal for the period 1995-2000 in respect of the special term loans given to the State to fight militancy and insurgency. Government of India had waived the remaining repayment of principal and interest falling due during 1995-96. During 1997-98 Government of India further waived off unpaid repayment obligations of 1997-98 and repayments falling due during 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

(c) The details are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

	Amount written off		
	As per GOI decision (Principal and Interest)	As per TFC recommendation (Principal)	Total
1995-96	803.23	88.07	891.30
1996-97	——	88.07	88.07
1997-98	584.16	88.07	672.23
1998-99	771.15	110.29	881.44
1999-2000	759.35	120.72	880.07

Working Group to review Functioning of DRTs

3004. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a working group has been set up by R.B.I. to review the functioning of Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRT);

(b) if so, the salient features of their review report;

(c) whether the reported insufficient infrastructure for DRTs are being strengthened;

(d) if so, the measures taken so far;

(e) whether the provisions of the DRT Act and the rules are being amended to give them more teeth to recover NPAs; and

(f) if so, the time frame within which the amendments would be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) The Working Group has not yet submitted its final report. However, an interim report has been received recently from the Working Group suggesting certain amendments in the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Financial Institutions Act, 1993. The recommendations of the Working Group are under consideration of the Government.

Violation of Rules of Job Rotation in the State Bank of Indore

3005. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Regional Manager of State Bank of Indore has received many complaints of lady employees against the discrimination of Branch Manager of Service Branch, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the rule of job rotation is not being followed in the branches of Delhi properly; and

(c) if so, whether Government would take any action against the Branch Managers of the different branches who are violating the rules of job rotation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.